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Response to Applicant's Amendment

The amendment filed on 05/23/05 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following matter: the Applicants' claims 40, 41, and 43-48 depend on canceled claims 1 and 4. It cannot be determined which claim(s) that claims 40, 41, and 43-48 depend from.

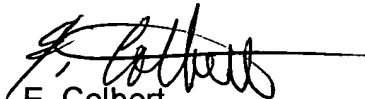
Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, Applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time period maybe granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on 571-272-6747. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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